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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Carmichael – Anti-Semitic Leaflets Found Taped to Carmichael Synagogue

(U) Detectives are investigating a possible hate crime after anti-Semitic leaflets were left on a Carmichael synagogue's menorah. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office says the leaflets were found posted on the Shalom le Israel Messianic Synagogue late Wednesday afternoon. Several leaflets were taped to the menorah in front of the building, while other fliers were posted on the fence. Anti-Semitic messages, including a picture of Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, were depicted in the leaflets.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [CBS13](#)

(U) Fresno – Stanislaus County Men Charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine

(U) A federal grand jury returned a four-count indictment against Ricardo Ballardo Quintero, 33, and Juan Suarez Jr., 28, both of Modesto, with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and three counts of distribution of and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Quintero and Suarez were arrested after delivering 199 pounds of methamphetamine to undercover law enforcement officers.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Shots Fired at Sheriff's Deputies in East Los Angeles, No Injuries Reported

(U) Authorities are investigating a shooting yesterday in East Los Angeles in which they say shots were fired at deputies and officers returned fire. Witnesses reported that they heard five or six gunshots at about 10:30 a.m. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies were fired at, but none of them were injured. No arrests were immediately made, and no further details have been released.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [KTLA](#)

(U) Oakland – Retired Oakland Police Captain Critically Injured in Robbery, Shootout

(U) A retired Oakland police captain was in critical condition yesterday after he fatally shot one of three hooded assailants who ambushed and robbed him as he fueled up at a downtown gas station and was then himself shot. Ersie Joyner, an Oakland native who once headed the city's police homicide unit and its pivotal violence-intervention program, underwent surgery at Highland Hospital. The man he killed was not immediately identified.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [SF Chronicle](#)

(U) San Francisco – Over 12 Pounds of Fentanyl Seized in Drug Bust

(U) A drug bust by federal agents and San Francisco police netted 12.5 pounds of the deadly narcotic fentanyl and charges against 18 people suspected of supplying drug dealing operations in the city's Tenderloin neighborhood, authorities announced this week. Federal prosecutors charged eight people with conspiracy, each in connection with one of two drug trafficking organizations based in the San Francisco Bay Area that distributed fentanyl and other narcotics shipped in bulk from Southern California, officials said Tuesday.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [AP](#)

(U) San Jose – Man Charged After Investigation into Threats on Alt-Right Social Media

(U) A civilian community service officer for San Jose, who briefly served as a sworn police officer, has been charged with gun crimes after he reportedly elicited FBI attention for his remarks to followers of alt-right social media, including allegedly advocating for killing cops. Denis Shevchenko, 40, of Gilroy, was charged this week with three misdemeanor counts alleging illegal weapons possession, topped by a charge that he kept an unpermitted loaded handgun in his locker at the South San Jose substation of the police department.

SOURCE: 22 October 2021, [Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – ‘Virtual Wall’ Activating on Southwest Border with Military’s Help

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection has asked the Pentagon to oversee the placement of reconnaissance blimps throughout the entire Southwest border beginning with every sector in Texas, US Representative Henry Cuellar told Border Report on Monday. Cuellar said that CBP has requested assistance from the US military to deploy and monitor Tactical Aerostat Systems (TAS), as well as to provide additional aerial and ground support on the border with Mexico.

SOURCE: 20 October 2021, [KETK](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – US Border Patrol Agents Apprehend 17 Migrants

(U) Sunny Isles Beach – US Border Patrol agents were called to a migrant smuggling operation in Sunny Isles Beach in Florida, media reported on Wednesday. Cellphone video captured a boat landing onshore, which took place on Wednesday morning. Border Patrol agents took 17 people into custody. The investigation remains ongoing.

SOURCE: 20 October 2021, [WSVN](#)

(U) Georgia – Former Air Force Airman Pleads Guilty to Impersonating FBI, OSI Agents

(U) Valdosta – Marlon De'Adrain Priest, 23, of Valdosta, a former Air Force Airman, pleaded guilty to two counts of impersonating an officer after he pretended to be a federal agent at various times, including making a traffic stop, offering to solve a crime, and appearing at crime scene investigations armed while claiming to be an agent. Priest faces a maximum three years in prison to be followed by one year of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine per count. Sentencing is scheduled for 20 January.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [The Albany Herald](#)

(U) Texas – Man Sentenced to 14 Months for Social Media Threats to Lawmakers on 6 January

(U) Dallas – A federal judge yesterday sentenced Troy Smocks, 59, of Dallas, to 14 months in jail for issuing social media threats to members of Congress, the harshest sentence yet connected to the 6 January attack on the Capitol. Smocks “encouraged people who were actively fighting law enforcement, people who were actively engaged in trying to stop the transition of power,” the judge said. Prosecutors found that in addition to encouraging rioters while the attack on the Capitol was underway, Smocks sent another social media message that was viewed by tens of thousands.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [Politico](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Haiti – Police Arrests Columbia National in Connection to Haitian President’s Assassination

(U) Port-Au-Prince – Haitian authorities said on Thursday that Mario Antonio Palacios, a Colombian

national, considered a suspect in the assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moise, had been arrested in Jamaica as investigations continues. The 53-year-old former businessman Moise, who took office in 2017, was shot dead at his private residence in July and his wife was wounded in the attack. A group of Colombian mercenaries emerged as the main suspects although nobody has been charged or convicted in connection with the case.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Haiti – Gang Leader Threatens to Kill American Missionaries in Online Video

(U) Titanyen – A Haitian man, asserting that he represents a gang that kidnapped a group of American and Canadian missionaries said in a video posted on YouTube yesterday that he is willing to kill “these Americans” if he does not get what he needs. The speaker in the video is identifiable as the man known in Haiti by the alias Lamo Sanjou, the leader of the 400 Mawozo gang. Reuters was unable to independently confirm the veracity of the video or when it was made. It shows the man speaking in the street and surrounded by other unidentified men. The missionaries were not present.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Syria – Arsonists Executed Over Deadly Forest Fires

(U) Latakia – Syria executed 24 people it said had set fires that swept swathes of forests mainly in the coastal province of Latakia, the ancestral home of Syrian President Bashar al Assad, the justice ministry said yesterday. Those executed were charged with committing “terrorist acts that led to death and damage to state infrastructure, public and private property,” the ministry said. It said 11 others were sentenced to life in prison on the same charges from dozens arrested at the end of last year who confessed to igniting the fires that began in September 2020 and lasted until mid-October.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – ISIS Supporter Charged with Stabbing Attack Targeting UK Lawmaker

(U) Leigh-On-Sea – British police yesterday charged a 25-year-old Londoner of Somali heritage with stabbing a lawmaker to death in a church in Leigh-on-Sea last week. Prosecutors said the suspect was an Islamic State (ISIS) supporter who had for years planned to kill a member of parliament. The suspect has been charged with murder and preparing acts of terrorism, police said.

SOURCE: 21 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

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